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SUBJECT: CCINC FUNDS FOR THE PERUVIAN NARCOTICS POLICE.

SUMMARY: OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS, SPECIAL CCINC FUNDS FOR THE PERUVIAN NARCOTICS POLICE HAVE BEGUN TO PAY HANDSOME DIVIDENDS. THE POLICE ARE ANXIOUS TO DO MORE, BUT ARE HAMPERED BY LACK OF OPERATIONAL FUNDS. BECAUSE PERU HAS ALMOST NO DRUG ADDICTS (APART FROM THE COCA-CHEWING INDIANS), THE GOP DOES NOT VIEW NARCOTICS AS A PRIORITY PROBLEM AMONG THE MANY CLAMORING FOR SOLUTION HERE. THUS, WHILE THE GOP HAS AN IMPORTANT ANTI-NARCOTICS UNIT AND IS PREPARED TO MAKE MEN AVAILABLE, IT IS UNLIKELY TO PROVIDE MORE FUNDS FOR SEIZURE OPERATIONS, PARTICULARLY IN THE COUNTRYSIDE. IF THE U.S. WANTS THE JOB DONE BETTER (AS WE DO), WE WILL HAVE TO GREASE THE OPERATIONAL WAYS FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD INTO THE FUTURE. THE EMBASSY NARCOTICS COORDINATING COMMITTEE AND I RECOMMEND RAISING THE AMOUNT OF SPECIAL FUNDS FROM $1,000 TO $5,000 MONTHLY IN THE INTEREST OF ACHIEVING EVEN BETTER ARREST SEIZURE RESULTS. END SUMMARY

1. PERU IS LEADING EXPORTER OF COCAINE. IT SUPPLIES ABOUT 80 PERCENT OF THE PRESENT WORLD COCAINE TRAFFIC. WORKING WITH DEA, THE NARCOTICS INVESTIGATION DIVISION OF THE PERUVIAN INVESTIGATIONS POLICE (DIN) IS DOING A COMMENDABLE JOB TO COMBAT THE FLOW OF COCAINE FROM THIS COUNTRY. BY CONCENTRATING ON LABORATORIES AS A "CHOKE POINT," DIN DURING FEBRUARY SEIZED FIVE CONCAINE HYDROCHLORIDE LABORATORIES AND ONE PASTE LABORATORY. ONE OF THE LABORATORIES WAS THE LARGEST EVER SEIZED IN PERU. DIN MADE 37 ARRESTS IN
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THESE OPERATIONS. SO FAR IN MARCH, DIN HAS SEIZED THREE LABS AND

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FOUR KILOS OF COCAINE HYDROCHLORIDE. THE TOATL SEIZURES ARE ESTI-
MATED TO BE VALUED AT MORE THAN $1 MILLION WHOLESALE IN NEW YORK.
TWO OF THE LAB SEIZURES IN FEBRUARY AND ALL THOSE THIS MONTH WERE
DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE $1,000 SPECIAL OPERATING FUNDS THE
U.S. MAKES AVAILABLE.

2. THE GOP PRESENTLY ALLOTS DIN ABOUT $46,000 PER MONTH TO CON-
DUCT NARCOTICS INVESTIGATIONS. $35,000 GOES FOR SALARIES TO THE
95 DIN PERSONNEL AND $11,000 COVERS OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE
COSTS. UNTIL THE U.S. (CCINC) BEGAN PROVIDING SPECIAL FUNDS OF
$1,000 MONTHLY, THERE WERE VIRTUALLY NO FUNDS FOR SEIZURE AND
ARREST OPERATIONS. TRIPS TO THE INTERIOR REPRESENTED OUT-OF-
POCKET EXPENSES FOR THE PERUVIAN NARCOTICS AGENTS THEMSELVES.

3. FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, THERE IS LITTLE HOPE THAT THE GOP
WILL INCREASE FUNDING FOR ITS ANTI-NARCOTICS OPERATIONS. APART
FROM THE COCA-CHEWING HABIT, DRUG ADDITION
IS SIMPLY NOT APROBLEM AFFECTING THE PERUVIAN PEOPLE,
AND THERE ARE MANY OTHER DEMANDS ON THE NATIONAL BUDGET. IT IS
REMARKABLE, IN FACT, THAT THE GOP SPENDS THE AMOUNT IT DOES TO
COMBAT ILLEGAL COCAINE TRAFFICKING IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S.
THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT IS NOT OTHERWISE NOTABLE FOR ITS
COOPERATION WITH US AND THE GOP DOES NOT HAVE A UNIFIED POLICY TO
DEAL WITH COCA GROWING AND CONSUMPTION OF OR COCAINE TRAFFICKING.
IN FACT, THERE ARE VESTED INTERESTS HERE WHICH STAND TO GAIN FROM
CONTINUED PRODUCTION AND TRAFFICKING.

4. THE COMMITTEE AND I THEREFORE CONCLUDE THAT WHILE WE SHOULD
CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE THE GOP TO DEVELOP A GOVERNMENT-
WIDE POLICY TO STAMP OUT ILLICIT COCAINE PRODUCTION AND TRAFFICK-
ING, AND TO DEVOTE MORE RESOURCES TO THESE ENDS, WE SHOULD FACE
THE FACT THAT FOR YEARS TO COME THE U.S. WILL HAVE TO BEAR A
SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF THE COST OF OPERATIONAL FUNDS FOR THE DIN.

5. THE TWO MAJOR OPERATIONS IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH COMPLETELY
EXHAUSTED THE $1,000 SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THOSE MONTHS. BUT THERE
IS MUCH MORE TO BE DONE AND THE DIN IS WILLING TO DO IT IF GIVEN
THE NECESSARY OPERATIONAL FUNDING. ONE MAJOR OPERATION A MONTH
IS NOT SUFFICIENT. ONE A WEEK WOULD BE MORE IN KEEPING WITH
REQUIRMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES HERE.I THEREFORE RECOMMEND
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RAISING THE AMOUNT OF SPECIAL CCINC FUNDS FOR THE DIN FROM $1,000
TO $5,000 A MONTH.
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